

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:  
means for recording a content supplied from an external device;  
means for reproducing the content;  
means for ~~detecting that~~ determining whether or not said reproducing means performs a reproduction when a recording command is issued; and  
means for disabling said reproducing means and enabling said recording means when said ~~detecting~~ determining means ~~detects~~ determines that said reproducing means performs the reproduction when the recording command is issued.
2. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising  
means for enabling said recording means when said ~~detecting~~ determining means ~~does not detect~~ determines that said reproducing means does not perform ~~performs~~ reproduction.
3. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:  
second ~~detecting~~ determining means for ~~detecting that~~ determining whether or not said recording means is turned on when the recording command is issued; and  
means for turning on said recording means when said second ~~detecting~~ determining means ~~does not detect~~ determines that said recording means is not turned on.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising means for restarting interrupted reproduction after recording is completed.

5. (Currently amended) A recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:  
means for recording a content supplied from an external device;  
means for reproducing the content;  
means for ~~detecting that~~ determining whether or not the apparatus is connected to the external device;  
means for selectively setting an operation mode; and  
means for controlling said recording means and said reproducing means in accordance with the operation mode set by said setting means when said ~~detecting~~ determining means ~~detects~~ determines that the apparatus is connected to the external device.

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said setting means sets one of a first mode, a second mode, a third mode, and a fourth mode, and

wherein ~~in~~ when the first mode is set, reproduction is continued if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction,

~~in~~ when the second mode is set, reproduction is stopped and recording is started if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction,

~~in~~ when the third mode is set, recording is started after reproduction is completed if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction, and

~~in~~ when the fourth mode is set, reproduction is interrupted and recording is started if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction and after recording is completed, the interrupted reproduction is restarted.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~6~~ 5, wherein said setting means comprises an interface device for manually ~~presetting~~ setting the operation mode.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said setting means comprises means for receiving a mode setting command from the external device.

9. (Original) A recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:  
means for recording a content supplied from an external device;  
means for reproducing the content, the reproducing means buffering content data before reproduction;  
means for detecting that a sufficient amount of the content data is buffered when a recording command is issued during reproduction; and  
means for enabling said recording means when said detecting means detects that the sufficient amount of the content data is buffered.

10. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising means for disabling said recording means when said detecting means does not detect that the sufficient amount of the content data is not buffered.

11. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising means for keeping reproduction of said reproducing means when said detecting means detects that the sufficient amount of the content data is buffered.

12. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising means for starting said recording means when said detecting means detects that the sufficient amount of the content data is buffered.

13. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising means for setting an operation mode; and means for controlling said recording means and said reproducing

means in accordance with the operation mode when said detecting means detects that the sufficient amount of the content data is not buffered.

14. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said setting means sets one of a first mode, second mode, third mode, and fourth mode,

wherein in the first mode reproduction is continued if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction,

in the second mode reproduction is stopped and recording is started if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction,

in the third mode recording is started after reproduction is completed if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction, and

in the fourth mode reproduction is interrupted and recording is started if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction and after recording is completed, the interrupted reproduction is restarted.

15. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said setting means comprises an interface device for manually presetting the operation mode.

16. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said setting means comprises means for receiving a mode setting command from the external device.

17. (Currently amended) A method of controlling a recording and reproducing apparatus comprising means for recording a content supplied from an external device and means for reproducing the content, the method comprising the following steps of:

~~detecting that~~ determining whether or not said reproducing means performs a reproduction when a recording command is issued; and

disabling said reproducing means and enabling said recording means when it is determined ~~said detecting means detects~~ that said reproducing means performs the reproduction.

18. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 17, further comprising ~~the step of~~ enabling said recording means when it is determined ~~not detected~~ that said reproducing means does not perform the ~~performs~~ reproduction.

19. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 17, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

~~detecting that~~ determining whether or not said recording means is turned on when the recording command is issued; and

turning on said recording means when it is determined ~~not detected~~ that said recording means is not turned on.

20. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 17, further comprising ~~the step of~~ restarting interrupted reproduction after recording is completed.

21. (Currently amended) A method of controlling a recording and reproducing apparatus comprising means for recording a content supplied from an external device and means for reproducing the content, the method comprising ~~the following steps of:~~

~~detecting that~~ determining whether or not the apparatus is connected to the external device;

selectively setting an operation mode; and

controlling said recording means and said reproducing means in accordance with the operation mode when it is determined ~~said detecting means detects~~ that the apparatus is connected to the external device.

22. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 21, wherein said operation mode includes a first mode, a second mode, a third mode, and a fourth mode, and

wherein ~~in~~ when the first mode is set, reproduction is continued if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction,

~~in~~ when the second mode is set, reproduction is stopped and recording is started if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction,

~~in~~ when the third mode is set, recording is started after reproduction is completed if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction, and

~~in~~ when the fourth mode is set, reproduction is interrupted and recording is started if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction and after recording is completed, the interrupted reproduction is restarted.

23. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~22~~ 21, further comprising ~~the step of setting the operation mode modes~~ using a manual interface device.

24. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 21, wherein further comprising ~~the step of~~ receiving a mode setting command from the external device.

25. (Currently amended) A method of controlling a recording and reproducing apparatus comprising means for recording a content supplied from an external device and means for reproducing the content, the reproducing means buffering content data before reproduction, the method comprising ~~the following steps of~~:

detecting that a sufficient amount of the content data is buffered when a recording command is issued during reproduction; and

enabling said recording means when said detecting means detects that the sufficient amount of the content data is buffered.

26. (Original) The method according to claim 25, wherein a recording is inhibited when it is not detected that the sufficient amount of the content data is not buffered.

27. (Original) The method according to claim 26, wherein the reproduction is continued when it is detected that the sufficient amount of the content data is buffered.

28. (Original) The method according to claim 26, wherein the recording is started when it is detected that the sufficient amount of the content data is buffered.



29. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 25, further comprising ~~the step of~~ setting an operation mode; and wherein said recording means and said reproducing means is controlled in accordance with the operation mode when it is detected that the sufficient amount of the content data is not buffered.

30. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 29, wherein the operation mode includes a first mode, a second mode, a third mode, and a fourth mode, and

wherein in the first mode reproduction is continued if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction,

in the second mode reproduction is stopped and recording is started if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction,

in the third mode recording is started after reproduction is completed if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction, and

in the fourth mode reproduction is interrupted and recording is started if the apparatus is connected to the external apparatus during reproduction and after recording is completed, the interrupted reproduction is restarted.

31. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 29, wherein said setting ~~step~~ comprises ~~a substep of~~ setting the operation mode using a manual interface device.

32. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 29, wherein said setting ~~means~~ comprises ~~a substep of~~ receiving a mode setting command from the external device.

33. (New) A recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:  
means for recording a content supplied from an external device;  
means for reproducing the content;  
means for determining whether or not the apparatus is connected to the external device;  
and  
means for disabling the reproducing means to stop reproduction of the content and  
enabling the recording means to start recording of a new content when said determining means  
determines that the apparatus is connected to the external device.

34. (New) The apparatus according to claim 33, further comprising:  
means for enabling the reproducing mode to restart reproduction after the recording of  
the new content is completed.